THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), there are 286 recognised universities including 82 deemed to be Universities in the country. Besides, there are 12 Institutes of National Importance. Of the aforesaid universities, 114 State Universities, 16 Central Universities and 20 deemed to be Universities are eligible to receive development assistance under Section 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

(b) During the Tenth Plan, UGC has proposed to provide financial assistance to inter connect all the 150 universities, which are eligible to receive development assistance under Section 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956 through UGC-Infonet Programme.

(c) UGC-Infonet Programme will enable the students to access the database information of academic referral material available on respective web-sites within and outside the country. UGC is also envisaging subscription to electronic journals in consortia mode for the benefit of both students and teachers in the universities. Using this network, they will be able to access reputed journals in many disciplines of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Sciences.

Amenities at Alwar Railway Station

*95. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been severe shortage of passenger amenities on Alwar Railway Station in Rajasthan;

(b) whether there has been delay in the modernisation of platforms of that station and also the present computerised booking office is being shifted to other place;

(c) whether the rapid entry display and auto response system machines installed on that station are non-functional;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(e) action contemplated by Government for the expeditious

completion of all the pending works and modernisation process of Alwar Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. All the passenger amenities at Alwar Station have been provided as per the laid down norms except 'waiting hall area' and 'number of lavatories'. The shortfall with respect to 'waiting hall area' and 'number of lavatories' is as under:

Amenity	As per norms	Actual	Shortfall
Waiting hall (sqm)	547	401	146
Lavatory (Nos.)	8	5	3

The works for elimination of the above shortfall are targeted for completion by December, 2003.

(b) **Modernisation of Platforms:** The work of "Extension of platform covering on platform No. 1 & 2" was sanctioned in the year 2002-03 and is targeted for completion by June, 2004. Work is progressing as per schedule.

Shifting of Booking Office: Yes, Sir. The Computerised booking office is to be relocated towards end of platform No. 1

(c) and (d) The Rapid Entry Display System indicating train arrival and departure timings has been installed on trial basis and the same has since been commissioned.

Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) for giving train running position on telephone is functioning properly.

(e) All the works at Alwar Station are regularly monitored. Adequate funds have also been allotted to ensure early completion of the works.

Oilseeds production

*96. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how much foreign exchange has been spent on import of edible oil during the years 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02;

(b) what was the production of edible oil in the country during these years;